

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT UPDATE

July 25, 2000

- Implementation Team (Managing agencies – USFWS, NMFS, DFG and Responsible agencies – DWR, USBR, and CALFED staff (Ron Ott and Dave Fullerton) met yesterday for the first time.
- Defined EWA objectives for this fall and the longer term:
Two main items:
 1. Purchase water for this fall and next year – Priority is at least 350,000 acre-feet of groundwater and storage capacity.
 2. Everything else needed to get the EWA operable including:
 - Operational rules and issues
 - Quantifying power costs for planning purposes
 - Administrative issues (Can federal \$\$ be used to buy water under state water rights?)
 - Will \$\$ allocated to the EWA be in one pot, or will they be tagged federal and state monies?
 - Environmental documentation
 - Science issues (quantifying benefits)
 - Water quality concerns
 - Continued gaming
 - Water pooling and sharing
- Scheduling negotiations with sellers for water and storage
 - MWD this Friday (7/28)
 - Yuba Co, (8/8)
 - Setting up meetings with Kern, Semi-Tropic, Vidler
- EWA and Science – Will be discussing with Science and Governance Group and CALFED's Chief Scientist
- Power Costing – Meeting this Thursday with Gaming people and WAPA to conduct post-processing of Games for power cost estimates. Findings will help define policy question of who pays for any additional power associated costs.
- Gaming – Determining what additional games are needed in the short- and longer term.
- Environmental permits – Defining what is needed for this first year. Establishing teams from responsible agencies to prepare documents.
- Water pooling and sharing
- Working with stakeholders